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1. DURING THE UPCOMING VISIT OF SECRETARY BUTZ TO BELGRADE, THE YUGOSLAVS WILL PROBABLY RAISE THE QUESTION OF THE FUTURE FUNDING OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH PROJECTS UNDER THE JOINT BOARD. WITH VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE FUNDS HAVING BEEN COMMITTED, THE YUGOSLAVS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT CONTINUATION OF RESEARCH WHEN THE CURRENT PROJECTS ARE COMPLETED.

2. FOLLOWING THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF REPORTS OF INCREASED USG FUNDING OF BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTER-NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH. THE YUGOSLAVS ARE COMMITTED TO MATCHING US FUNDS ON A 50-50 BASIS FOR MUTUALLY AGREEABLE PROJECTS. THE QUALITY OF THE RESEARCH BEING CARRIED OUT IN YUGOSLAVIA UNDER COUNTERPART FUNDS IS OF HIGH QUALITY ACCORDING TO U.S. SCIENTISTS INSPECTING THE PROJECTS. ALSO, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

3. IF ANY OF THOSE NEW PROGRAMS COULD LEAD TO AN INCREASED LEVEL OF US-YUGOSLAV COOPERATIVE RESEARCH, WE THINK SECRETARY
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BUTZ SHOULD SO ADVISE YUGOSLAVS, EVEN IF WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION

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NOW TO MAKE ANY SPECIFIC COMMITMENT OF FUNDS TO YUGOSLAVIA.
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